

VOTE STAVED OFF AGAIN

Folkes Prevents Killing of the Tonnage Tax Bill.

MAY BE PASSED TO-DAY

Senate Passes Bills to Amend Constitution in Relation to Election of Commissioners of Revenue.

Both houses of the General Assembly held long sessions yesterday, but they did not dispose of much important business.

The House had another long filibuster against taking up the tonnage tax bill, which it passed yesterday. It was led by Mr. Folkes, of Richmond, who spoke against the bill for nearly two hours. The bill will come up again today, when chances seem to favor its passage.

The Senate session was devoted almost exclusively to the consideration of constitutional bills, offered by Mr. Halley, of Lynchburg, amending the constitution so as to permit the people, to succeed, when chosen by the people, to discuss themselves and after much discussion they were finally passed.

There was some routine business in both branches, but it had no great public importance.

The Senate. The session of the Senate was opened without a break yesterday. Lieutenant Governor Wythe in the chair. There were twenty-seven Senators in their seats.

A communication from the House announced the occurrence of the bill, the Senate has resolution directing the printing of 500 copies of the general revenue bill.

The House passed the Senate bill, with amendments, as to debts of decedents and the order in which they are to be paid. Mr. Folkes, of Richmond, objected to the amendments. The Senate concurred in the amendments, and the bill will go to conference.

The passage of the House bill to amend Section 4, fixing the number of commissioners of the various counties. The bill was referred.

The House communicated the passage of the bill to appropriate the sum of \$175 to defray the expenses of the joint committee on final revision of the statute. The bill went to the Finance Committee.

The Senate concurred in the House amendment to the Senate bill relating to the sale of public lands in Albemarle, Orange County. It is a local measure.

A local bill authorizing the defining of the boundaries of public roads in Albemarle County was taken from the committee, taken up of its order and passed without objection.

Mr. Barksdale, from the Committee on General Laws, reported a bill regulating the sale of merchandise in bulk.

At 12:15 the Senate entered upon the consideration of the special order, proposed by Mr. Halley, of Lynchburg, to amend the constitution so as to leave the manner of choosing commissioners of the revenue in cities and counties. The constitution provides that if the commissioners are made elective by the people they shall be ineligible to reelection. The entire purpose of the proposed amendment is to remove the constitutional inhibition against the reelection of commissioners and to leave the General Assembly to decide whether the commissioners are to be elected by the people or appointed.

Mr. Halley advocated the proposed amendment, pointing out the objections to the constitutional provision. These are familiar through the elaborate discussion of the matter early in the legislative session. One of the objections was that the people will lose the services of good commissioners as a result of the proposed amendment. Mr. Halley made the point that the passage of the amendment by this General Assembly would not make it effective, but that it would give the people an opportunity to instruct their representatives before the next general assembly as to their preference in the matter. Mr. Halley further stated that the amendments would have to be submitted to the people for their ratification.

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the expenses of the revenue, and to leave them free to discharge their duty freely. Mr. Kezell stated that he had not voted for the commissioner of valuation, because it came upon the vote of the Constitutional Convention, and he anticipated that that body would provide a plan of accomplishing what that was intended to effect. He believed that the constitutional provision was the purpose of the act. The speaker denied that the convention had taken away from the people any right, and that, on the contrary, the people had been given the option of electing or appointing commissioners. He was in favor of popular election of commissioners, but of limiting their service to one consecutive term.

BILLS PASSED. Mr. Clayton, of Bedford, advocated the amendment. No argument had been advanced against the measure save that it would be a reflection on the Constitutional Convention. He directed attention to the fact that the measure was a reflection on the Constitutional Convention. The people should have the opportunity of recording their will in the matter.

Mr. Halley closed the debate on the bill in a brief speech. He regarded the question as outside the realm of constitutional provision and purely a matter for legislative enactment. The speaker disclaimed any reflection upon the Constitutional Convention, but was unwilling to admit that the bill was a reflection on the Convention.

The bill was passed, yeas, 21; nays, 6. The companion bill was then taken up and passed. Both now go to the House for action by that body.

The chair announced the following conference on the part of the Senate in the matter of the disagreeing vote on the bill relating to the debts of decedents, the bill having non-concurred in the House amendment. Messrs. Kezell, Halley and Gold.

The Senate thereupon, on motion of Mr. Clayton, adjourned until noon to-day.

The House. The House was called to order at noon by Speaker Ryan, and there was no prayer.

The Speaker signed a number of bills, including the general revenue measure, which, along with others, now goes to the Governor for his approval.

Mr. Stearnes offered a bill, which was referred, amending the law in relation to when judgments entered shall become final.

Mr. Tunley offered one to allow the supervisors of Petersburg, in Gloucester County, to borrow money.

Senate bill 278, the general game law measure, came up in its regular order, and Mr. Christian, of Richmond, earnestly advocated its passage in a brief speech.

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lessness was displayed by those opposed to the passage of the bill. Mr. Caton offered one amendment and there were many efforts to get Mr. Folkes to relent so as to have the amendments read. He saw in this a move to get him off his feet, and he set it at rest by informing the House that in the course of his remarks he would himself read the amendments of the gentleman from Alexandria. Mr. Caton withdrew his amendments, and said he would embody and offer them in a separate bill.

Mr. Folkes proceeded and questions were asked him in great volume. Mr. Folkes yielded to a motion to adjourn, and it was made by Mr. Newhouse and carried on division, but Mr. Gravelle demanded the ayes and noes. The roll-call resulted—ayes, 33; noes, 32, and the filibuster fight was again won and the House stood adjourned until noon to-day.

SUNNY JIM HERE

Four of Him Engaged in Distributing Sample Packages of "Force."

"Sunny Jim," four of him, in fact, is, or are, busy here at the moment, distributing sample packages of the "Force" brand of cigars in Richmond.

Mr. A. O. Rue, who has charge of the sunny aggregation, says that he has expected to put out at least 16,000 packages here, or one in practically every home in the city.

The distribution of the packages are fac-similes of the "Sunny Jim," familiar to readers of The Times-Dispatch. They are decorated with a picture of a sunny Jim, a young man in a white shirt, trousers of a like hue, and red dots with buttons the size of breakfast plates. From the back of the package a queue projects stiffly. They are attractive much attention.

Child Dies From Burns.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WINDSOR, VA., April 15.—Edwin Ballard, the two-year-old son of Mr. John Ballard, a prosperous farmer, died here yesterday of burns received last Friday by falling in a bucket of boiling water which contained concentrated lye. The child was playing in the room near the bucket and by some cause fell in.

Barton Heights.

Miss Lynde White, of Fork Union, who has been visiting Mrs. Flannigan, has returned home.

Mr. Miller Toler has returned to Cumberland county, from a visit to friends on the Heights.

Mr. M. F. Jones has left for Baltimore on business.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Davidson, of Baltimore, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jeter, Jr., of Baltimore.

Miss Norma Ware is quite sick at her home.

Miss Mary Sharp, of Lamb Avenue, will give an Easter egg hunt at her home Friday at 4 P. M.

Miss L. C. Carter, who has been visiting her aunt in Petersburg, has returned to Brookland Park.

Miss Marie Carter, who has been quite sick, is able to be out.

Miss Mattie Hood, who returned home, will give a party at the home of Miss Mary Williams.

Oscar Wilson is quite sick at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jeter, Jr., has returned to Baltimore.

TORRENS BILL URGED

Strong Speakers Before the Judiciary Committees.

BUSINESS MEN PRESENT

Maj. Allen and Messrs. Copeland and Geo. Bryan in Advocacy—They Point Out the Advantages of the Proposed New System.

The Senate and House Committees for Courts of Justice held another meeting yesterday afternoon, and heard further argument in favor of the Torrens system for registering land, bills having been introduced in both branches with this end in view, respectively, by Senator McIlwaine, of Petersburg, and Delegate P. S. B. Smyth, of Clarke. There was a fair attendance of both committees, and Senator McIlwaine occupied the chair.

After a number of strong speeches in favor of the bill, the committee arose and without taking any action, and will likely consider the subject later on in executive session. A number of lawyers and business men were present, including Messrs. J. Thompson Brown, Frank T. Sutton, Joseph Bryan, and a number of members of the Legislature, not members of the committee, were also on hand.

The speeches were made for the bill by Major Otway S. Allen, Mr. W. S. Copeland and Mr. George Bryan. Mr. Eugene C. Massie, the author of the bill, was on hand, and seemed deeply interested in the discussion, he having previously addressed the committee in a very strong speech in favor of the bill.

MAJOR ALLEN SPEAKS.

The first speaker was Major Otway S. Allen, a large land-owner, who spoke of the merits of the proposed new system from the standpoint of a business man. Major Allen's talk was a very practical one, and was followed closely by the committee and those present.

Mr. W. S. Copeland spoke next, and his remarks were on the same line. He having related many of the disadvantages of the present system which have come under his observation as a layman.

Mr. Bryan was the last speaker, and his argument was a very elaborate one from the standpoint of a lawyer.

He cited many cases where the most intricate and unnecessary litigation had arisen of the employment of the present system of registering land, and he urged the committee to favorably report the measure. Indications are that this course will be pursued later on, perhaps before adjournment next month.

STOP ELECTROLYSIS

Committee Appointed to Proceed Against Street-Car People.

At the meeting of the Water Committee last night probably the most important action taken was to have appointed a sub-committee to draft a suitable ordinance to compel the car company to take such steps as will insure the water mains of the city against damage by electrolysis. Messrs. Mills, chairman; Sheppard and Beck were appointed to inaugurate this move, and the measure will be forwarded to the next regular meeting of the Common Council.

It developed last night that many of the important water mains of the department are being destroyed by electrolysis, whereupon the committee by a unanimous vote concluded that immediate steps should be taken.

Primarily, the session was for the purpose of considering the bill for street paving and the annual supply of water meters, but no final determination was reached regarding either of the matters. The bids for street paving were laid on the table, while all of the offers for meters were rejected.

It appears that although many well-known manufacturers are anxious for the meter contract, all have submitted identically the same price, and it was decided to this that all bids were rejected.

The Road to Beauty.

At the Academy of Music this afternoon Dr. Crisillon, of Paris, will tell the ladies of Richmond how to remove facial blemishes.

Dr. Crisillon will demonstrate how a lady of fifty years old can improve her looks so she really appears in her 30s. (30 years old). The lecture this afternoon is free and ladies are requested to be seated by 2:30 o'clock.

Clear Weather To-Day.

The storm which has hung over Richmond for the last few days is moving eastward, and is, or should be, well into the Atlantic Ocean by this time. Clear weather, with sensible temperatures, may be expected to-day.

There is no prospect of a rise in the river. Quite the contrary. At this point there was a fall of two feet during yesterday, and no high water was reported from Columbia.

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\$70 Rich Silk Damask Overstuffed Suite of 5 pieces, now \$47.35
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ASSETS.	No.	Amount.
Number of policies and the amount of insurance effected thereby in force at end of previous year, etc., in force 31st December, 1902.	11,455	\$9,582,136 00
Number of policies issued during the year and the amount of insurance effected thereby.	10,058	\$5,371,919 00
Total.	21,513	\$14,954,055 00
Number of policies and the amount of insurance which have ceased to be in force during the year.	10,315	\$1,204,040 00
Whole number of policies in force, and the amount of liabilities or risks thereon at end of year.	40,228	\$9,150,035 00

RECEIPTS.	No.	Amount.
Amount of premiums received.	\$3,044,750 95	
Amount of interest received.	181,713 74	
Amount of rents received.	10,521 02	
Amount of all other receipts.	160,078 30	
Total.	\$3,397,063 01	

DISBURSEMENTS.	No.	Amount.
Amount of losses paid.	\$1,204,040 00	
Amount of matured endowments paid.	1,071 26	
Amount paid annuities.	173,000 00	
Amount paid for surrender value.	105,601 77	
Amount of dividends paid to policyholders.	140,601 75	
Amount of dividends paid to shareholders.	181,670 31	
Premium notes, etc.	47,820 15	
Loans secured by pledge of stocks and bonds.	60,450 19	
Interest due and accrued.	5,407 04	
Uncollected and deferred premiums (net).	47,820 15	
Loans otherwise secured.	40,000 00	
Agents' balances and bills receivable.	210,200 05	
Carried out at market value—Total.	\$2,287,038 14	

LIABILITIES.	No.	Amount.
Amount of losses unpaid (unadjusted, \$123,000; Reinstated, \$48,040).	\$ 106,940 00	
Amount of liabilities on policies, etc., in force 31st December, 1902, on basis of 4 and 3 1/2 per cent. combined experience and American experience mortality table, surrender values not called for, trust funds and accrued interest.	5,111,298 00	
Total.	\$5,218,238 00	

BUSINESS IN VIRGINIA DURING 1902.	No.	Amount.
Number and amount of policies in force December 31, 1901.	102	\$12,240 00
Number and amount of policies issued during the year 1902.	230	\$72,240 00
Total.	332	\$84,480 00
Deduct number and amount which have ceased to be in force during 1902.	27	\$4,122 00
Total number and amount of policies in force at end of year 1902.	305	\$80,358 00

No losses incurred or paid during the year 1902 in cash and without deduction for losses, dividends, commissions or other expenses. \$14,777 00

(Signed) B. W. SCOTT, President.
(Signed) W. E. STEVENS, Secretary.

State of New York: City of New York—ss:
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of February, 1903, before CHAS. EDGAR MITLS, Commissioner.

DAILY NECESSITIES AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.

Sugar Corn, 4 cans for.	25c.
New Cut Herring, per dozen.	12c.
Large cans Pie Peaches.	7c.
Best Granulated Sugar, pound.	4 1/2c.
Quart bottle Tomato Catsup.	10c.
Small Smithfield Hams, pound.	15c.
T. M. Shoe Blacking, 3 boxes.	5c.
Best City Meal, per peck.	18c.
or, bushel.	65c.
Large Canned Virginia Tomatoes.	8c.
Early Rose Potatoes, bushel.	75c.
or, peck.	20c.
Arbuckle's Coffee, pound.	10c.
Cordova or Lion Coffee, pound.	9 1/2c.
2-pound can Grated Pineapple.	7c.
Imported Macaroni, pound.	6c.
Blackberry or Catawba Wine, quart.	10c.
Enamelware Stove Polish, box.	4c.
Cuticle Toilet Soap, 3 for.	5c.
Snowflake Patent Family Flour, 50 lb. bag.	25c.
Good Green or Mixed Tea, pound.	25c.
String Beans, can.	6c.
Carolina Rice, per pound.	5c.
Best Tea Dust, pound.	20c.
Fresh Country Eggs, per dozen.	15c.

Spring Weddings.
Gifts to the bride are now in order! The beauty and character of our Silverware, Cut Glass and Pottery are on sale at Che